

Washington, DC -- U.S Representative Michael A. Arcuri (D-Utica) voted yesterday to extend the ban on internet taxes for seven years, making sure businesses and families can continue to use the internet without taxation.

“We all know just how vital the internet is to commerce across the country, and I am committed to making sure businesses and families are not saddled with unnecessary internet taxes,” **said Arcuri**

. “Many of our local companies are part of national and international businesses that rely on internet communication and commerce. I strongly support continuing the internet tax ban – keeping taxes down and fostering an environment where businesses can grow. I am honored to be part of a Congress that is committed to providing critical tax relief so our businesses can thrive and flourish”

The House passed the Senate version of the Internet Tax Moratorium Extension (H.R. 3678), sending the bill to the President’s desk. The bill extends the Internet tax moratorium for seven years. The Senate passed the bill by voice vote on October 25th.

Arcuri is a cosponsor of H.R. 743, legislation that would have permanently extended the ban on internet taxes.

First enacted in 1998, Congress has extended the Internet tax moratorium twice before, in 2001 and 2004, and both times included provisions to make specific adjustments in the moratorium’s provisions. By providing a seven-year extension, Congress will be able to re-visit the moratorium in 2014 and determine if further adjustments need to be made.

The bill also includes necessary adjustments to the current moratorium statute, including clarifying the treatment of gross receipts taxes in certain states as well as clarifications to the definition of “Internet access”. The Internet tax moratorium is set to expire on November 1st.

Since taking office in January, the House of Representatives has passed, with Arcuri’s strong support, numerous pro-small business measures including \$4.84 billion in tax relief for small business owners and the Small Business Lending Improvements Act, which provides small

businesses with tools to encourage entrepreneurial innovation.

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